



CLUSTER

ASSET PROFILE

Issue Area: Environment

Cluster 8 has several major environmental concerns related to illegal dumping, contaminated sites, and the Rouge River. Many stakeholders identified abandoned cars, trailers and the illegal dumping of tires and construction materials as a major problem and cause of blight within the cluster. Contaminated sites emerged as an issue, specifically industrial sites and former service stations.

Three contaminated sites have been identified within the cluster and are indicated on the **Act 307 Contaminated Sites Map*** (please see map on page 91). These sites are:

Dexco Corporation
15770 & 15778 Telegraph
Contamination: Plating and Polishing
Contaminants: Chromium
Status: Evaluation/Interim Response - PRP/Other

Dexter Chevrolet Company
20811 West Eight Mile Rd.
Contamination: Auto Dealer and Service Charge
Contaminants: PNA, Dichlorobenzene
Status: Evaluation/Interim Response - PRP/Other

Payless Service Station
16730 Telegraph
Contamination: Gasoline Service Station
Contaminants: Petroleum
Status: Evaluation/Interim Response - PRP/Other

Stakeholders identified an abandoned gas station as a major “eyesore” and a toxic site which has long stood out in Cluster 8, located at the northwest corner of W. Outer Drive and Fenkell. Abandoned for at least a decade, this site is located at an intersection with a relatively low traffic count of 13,808 AADT. As such, it is probably not high on the “viable sites” list. Board members and stakeholders also identified abandoned industrial sites along the southeastern border of Brightmoor, between Schoolcraft and the Jeffries Fwy., in need of environmental cleanup as sites to be utilized as possible expansion to the current industrial complex (articulated in the cluster’s recommendations). This list of contaminated sites is not exhaustive, there are other contaminated sites within the cluster, warranting clean-up, that were not identified.



The maintenance of the Rouge River was of major concern to cluster stakeholders. A desire was expressed to see more concerted efforts among various municipal governments, city departments, and citizens to maintain the Rouge River. Stakeholders applauded the efforts of municipal governments in creating a Combined Sewage Overflow (CSO) system with a retention basin to address sewage overflow from running into the Rouge River when flooding occurred. Stakeholders would like to see similar efforts of government partnering with citizens to keep the Rouge clean.

This cluster is very fortunate to have a number of civic and municipal organizations that work together to protect Cluster 8's environment. Among these organizations are: Wayne County Department of Environmental Affairs, Detroit Department of Environmental Affairs, Detroit Department of Public Works (DPW), the Neighborhood City Hall, and Brightmoor Concerned Citizens to name a few. There are the numerous CB Patrols, like Eagle Watch, that look out for illegal dumping. Stakeholders noted that the codes on environmental issues are excellent and stated that more needs to be done regarding enforcement of these codes.

Board members and stakeholders alike believe that more progress needs to occur in protecting the environment. Creating alternatives to securing funding for cleaning contaminated sites was a major issue for this cluster. Currently Renaissance Zones and Brownfield designations are being utilized to attract federal and state funding for cleaning contaminated sites. The three major contaminated sites on the Act 307 Contaminated Site Map and portions of the industrial site in the southeastern section of the cluster need to be targeted for alternative funding.